

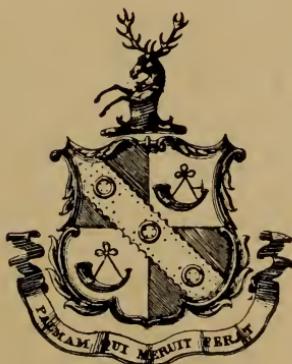
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## EDITORIAL

Since our last number went to press, another School year has ended, and the plan of organization for the new year is beyond the blue-print stage. The machine appears to be working smoothly as all new machines should do.

But this smoothness needs continual care lest, in some parts of the mechanism, there should develop undue strains and stresses, which, uncorrected, might lessen the efficiency of the whole. In short the efficiency of a machine depends on two factors — the excellence of its design and the care with which it is used.

Similarly small communities working towards specific aims — especially schools, which are peculiarly sensitive to little jealousies and misunderstandings — cannot depend, for the full achievement of their aims, on the excellence of their organization alone. There must be cooperation, tolerance and mutual understanding among all their members. Little secret grievances must be brought into the open and settled before they have had time to grow into permanent grudges. Private discords must be resolved and harmony restored.

Granted these conditions the School should achieve a happy year, and advance into a prosperous future.

"But," say some of our junior Jeremiahs, "If there is a war with Russia, what shall we do?"

This is a hard question to answer. The world outside the confines of School life is passing through a period of unrest, which may be aptly described in the old-fashioned English of the Second Psalm: "Why do the heathen so furiously rage together, and why do the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against His anointed."

We all hope and pray that this unrest will not develop into another war more terrible than the last. Whether there is or is not war, outside the realm of international affairs our lives have problems, the right solution of which is the key to happiness. Face and solve your problems in the spirit of a militant Christian, and do your duty day by day as your conscience may best direct you.

## *School Notes*

In November Mr. Hugh Lyon, late Head Master of Rugby, spent a week end at the School and gave a most delightful and inspiring address in the Chapel on Sunday morning.

A copy of "Almae Matres" by Mr. F. B. Malim is an interesting and delightfully written account of the English schools at which he has been Head Master, and in the chapter on Canada he has written a very interesting account of this school.

Our grateful thanks to Mrs. Colin Graham for her gift of a school debenture, also to Mrs. Ripley for her continued and practical interest both in the School and in Ripley's House.

In January a delegation of twenty-five masters and boys went to Tacoma and enjoyed the hospitality of the Annie Wright Seminary at their annual Spring Dance. A very enjoyable trip as usual, as it must be with such a delightful hostess as Miss Ruth Jenkins. The after effects were visible for rather too long a period during the following week.

The Pancake Greaze on Shrove Tuesday in 1948 was won by Milbrad, Form VII, and in 1949 won by Johnson for the Upper Fifth.

On the 21st of May the whole school went to Victoria and spent an extremely good time at the Crescent Shows as guests of Mr. Meyerhoff. There is a rumour that as many as eighteen hot-dogs were demolished by one of the smallest boys in the school.

Major General Pearkes, V.C., gave the two schools an excellent address on "Parliament".

Moving pictures were presented every other week throughout the winter terms, and on May 19th the Moody Institute of Science presented the films "God of Creation" and "God of the Atom". Visits by different groups were made to the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory, a trip from Victoria to Maple Bay in the U.S. Submarine "Caymen," to Duncan to see "Hamlet" and the "Olympic Games," and a visit to the Provincial Legislature for which we have to thank Commander Beard.



## *Chapel Notes*

The Rev. E. M. Willis was again in charge of Chapel Services throughout the year. During the winter — when the behaviour of our Island weather was so sadly out of character, and early morning driving was often extremely difficult — Mr. Willis never failed to be with us. We thank him for his untiring friendship for the School.

Other preachers in Chapel were: the Head Master; the Bishop of the Diocese, who officiated at the annual Memorial Service and at the Service of Confirmation; the recently retired Head Master of Rugby School, England, who gave an inspiring address emphasizing the pre-eminent place that Christian faith and worship must have in a life that is complete; the Rev. Canon Michael Coleman, whose continued association with the School is so greatly valued; the Rev. George Biddle, Rector of St. John's, Victoria; and the Rev. James Martin, who preached the Leaving Day Sermon.

The Chapel Choir, after much hard work, has proved itself capable of effectively performing service music of considerable difficulty. Study of Handel's "Messiah" has begun, in preparation for a joint performance with a large choral group in Victoria.

The sermon by the Very Reverend Dean Spencer Elliott at the Leaving Day Service in June, 1948, was of such interest that we decided to print it in its entirety in this issue.

### *Sermon by DR. SPENCER H. ELLIOTT*

It is commonplace to say that we live in a materialistic age. Research has led to discoveries and inventions in the physical sciences. Human emotions

and desires have been ascribed to the working of the glands in the physical body. In the periods of disillusionment before and after the war, younger men and women have been tempted to despair of ideals and have directed their training towards realistic pursuits. We have to undertake a vast work of reconstruction and to rebuild a shattered world. For that task we must call on the best resources of applied science to meet problems of a most practical kind, requiring scientific knowledge and engineering skill. People must be given a chance to live.

But also they must be allowed to know what they are living for. There must be some worthy purpose in life. It is not good enough to become so much absorbed in maintaining the means to live that we crowd out all thought of that which makes life worth living.

Broadly speaking, the things that have to do with the means of living are visible and tangible, yet also perishable and temporary; while that which makes life worth living is in the realm of the invisible and the intangible, yet when we have found it, it is imperishable and eternal. The prayer in today's Collect is that we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. It is foolish to ignore or deny everything that cannot be plotted on squared paper. In these days, when scientists, in the realm of the physical universe, have led us on by a great leap to standards of measurement far beyond those of Euclid and Newton, no thinking man has any right to scoff at our Christian belief that behind and beyond this visible universe there is another state of being which even an Einstein cannot measure, — a state of being, not separate from that in which we exist, but cutting across and penetrating through that which we already know. Life begins to be worth something when we see the eternal, the spiritual, breaking through into this present state of being at every point, so that the material world becomes to us a sacrament of the heavenly, revealing itself in the ordinary working day. We may approach the truth through the calculations of scientists, and also through thoughts and visions of great imaginative writers and poets, who give to common things a wondrous and mystical meaning, helping us to see beyond the transient and to find eternal values. The scientist seeks truth; the artist seeks beauty; and we find that truth and beauty are inextricably intertwined with each other and also with goodness. The moral basis of sound knowledge has been affirmed by writers as different from one another as Dr. Samuel Johnson, Diderot, Lessing, Shelley, Thomas Carlyle, and John Ruskin; while the great dramatists have shown how tragedy is the outcome of moral failure, and true comedy is the achievement of those relationships and associations of ideas and thoughts and emotions that are eternal and deathless.

Somewhere along those lines is the attitude to life which our Saviour Himself has taught us; a way of life that He will abundantly bless. It means living in the atmosphere of the eternal, seeking those unseen qualities which can never die, using the visible and temporal things, not as ends in themselves, but as symbols of the invisible and as means of spiritual blessing to the world.

# *Speech Day*

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Speech Day, in a modified form, was held this year on Friday afternoon, June 25th, in the Big School. After a few introductory remarks by the Head Master, Major H. J. Lake, acting for his father, Sir Richard Lake, Chairman of the Board of Governors, spoke briefly to the boys. Mr. Sullivan, invigilator for Matriculation examinations, introduced the main speaker of the afternoon, Professor Thorlief Larsen of the Department of English at the University of British Columbia.

Prizes were presented by Professor Larsen for scholarship, general progress, sportsmanship and efficiency.

In the evening at 7:00 o'clock, a special Leaving Service was held in the Chapel, conducted by the Rev. J. Martin of St. Paul's Anglican Mission.

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Speech Day was confined again by invitation to parents, old boys and a few friends. Lady Lake represented our Chairman, Sir Richard Lake, who was unable to be present. The Board of Governors was represented by Mr. Copeman.

Excellent addresses were made by the Bishop, and by Miss Gildea who gave away the prizes.

## PRIZE LIST, JUNE, 1948

FORM VII—S. G. Milbrad.

FORM VI—G. E. Dunn.

FORM UV—A. A. Parke.

FORM LV—H. F. Steeper.

FORM IV—J. C. McKay.

FORM REMOVE A—L. O. Louis.

FORM III—T. O. Davis.

FORM II—G. S. Thorp.

FORM I—A. Robertson.

PRIZE FOR CLASSICS—T. H. Gowman.

GENERAL PROGRESS I—E. E. de Grandcourt.

GENERAL PROGRESS II—G. B. Webster.

GENERAL PROGRESS III—J. B. Burr.

### EFFICIENCY PRIZE—

Michaelmas Term—A. A. Parke.

Lent Term—W. F. Day.

Summer Term—J. T. Billings.

### HOUSE CUPS—

Sports—Groves' House.

Cricket—Lake's House.

### THE GROGAN TENNIS CUP—

T. C. Thee.

### SPORTSMANSHIP CUP—T. R. Putnam.

## PRIZE LIST, JUNE, 1949

FORM VII—G. E. Dunn.

FORM VI—A. A. Parke.

FORM VU—C. L. Callahan.

FORM VL—J. C. McKay.

FORM IV—D. Bellm.

FORM REMOVE A—J. P. Gaffney.

FORM REMOVE B—B. deJ. Bick.

FORM III—G. S. Thorp.

FORM II—M. V. Bogert.

FORM I—W. L. Ferris.

**GENERAL PROGRESS I—**

R. M. F. Hackett.

**GENERAL PROGRESS II—**

E. B. B. Robinson.

**GENERAL PROGRESS III—**J. S. Riley.

**GENERAL PROGRESS IV—**G. R. Tutin.

**GEOGRAPHY—**P. C. Wilkinson.

**NATURAL HISTORY—**J. Huston.

**EFFICIENCY PRIZE—**

Michaelmas Term—G. H. S. Parke.

Lent Term—P. Eaton.

Summer Term—W. C. Bice.

**HOUSE CUPS—**

Sports—Groves' House.

Rugby—Groves' House.

Cricket—Lake's House.

Gymnastics—Groves' House.

**THE GROGAN TENNIS CUP—**

T. C. Thee.

**THE LARSEN SQUASH CUP—**

A. S. Patrick.

**SPORTSMANSHIP CUP—**

D. C. E. MacInnes.

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## *Examinations*

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The examination results this year were encouraging. Although we had no Senior Matriculation candidates, two boys wrote in some subjects and obtained partial standing. We had ten candidates taking full Junior Matriculation of whom nine passed. Including subjects taken by Upper Fifth boys, ninety-one papers were written and pass marks obtained in eighty-five. This was a considerable improvement on the figures for last year. The percentage of papers receiving a mark of 80 or over also increased from 13% to 21%.

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The Senior Matriculation results were satisfactory, out of thirty-three papers written only one was not passed. The top boy passed with 79.1% and the second with 71.5%. These results were good considering neither boy is yet sixteen years old.

The Junior Matriculation were also very satisfactory, although a better knowledge of English is desirable and less attention should be paid to Pulp, Comics and Movies. Seven boys propose entering U.B.C., one to Cornell, one to Stanford, and one to Western Washington. One hundred and fifty-nine papers were written and pass marks were obtained in one hundred and thirty-four.

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## *Music Notes*

Attendance at a concert by the famous Vienna Choir Boys afforded a splendid fillip to the enthusiasm of our own choristers. The remarkable beauty of tone and the versatility of this unique choir left nothing to be desired as an object lesson in choral singing.

The concert occurred on one of our choir-practice evenings; so — with the permission of a long-suffering bus-driver, and the aid of a tuning fork — we

made good the travelling time to Victoria with a thorough-going rehearsal en route, doubtless to the astonishment of wayfarers.

Through the kindness of the Head Master, our choir members were treated to a most enjoyable dinner at Acacia Lodge, on the closing Sunday of the Lent Term.

Beside the continued use of the Carnegie Award record library, several sound films have been included in the years' "Music appreciation" activities. The pictures were made by three orchestras — the N.B.C. Symphony, the Toronto Symphony, and the London Philharmonic.

An excellent concert by Mr. and Mrs. Murray Adaskin of Toronto was heard in the Big School, and was attended also by the staff and girls of Strathcona Lodge School.

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## *Hobby Shop*

Although there are still only a comparatively few boys who take an active interest in the Hobby Shop it is encouraging that the quality of the work produced is improving.

In the Michaelmas Term some good work was done in beaten copper. Robinson, a potentially excellent metal turner, produced one or two attractive ash trays made in combinations of brass and steel on the metal lathes. Wearne improved his skill in the manipulation of wood turning tools, and also produced some novelty pieces in wood.

The Easter Term saw the birth of the Radio Club under the leadership of Callahan. Although its progress has been hampered by the difficulty of obtaining parts, a program has been drawn up for the construction of sets and test equipment.

The Photography Club has but few members; however, recruits though they are, they are finding it interesting and are already producing some encouraging photographs.

Wright is doing a good job in teaching the younger members the art of building model aeroplanes.

Huston, the only really active member of the Taxidermy Club, shows a very keen interest and is attaining some skill in this rather uncommon hobby.

Dunn, Wright, Robinson and Wearne entered specimens of their work in the Duncan Rotary Club Hobby competition, Dunn winning first prize for his woodwork class and Wearne second prize. Wright's aeroplane also won a first, while Robinson was awarded a special prize for a turned lamp stand in brass. Dunn was also awarded the Rotary Hobby Show Challenge Cup for Woodcraft.

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## *Cadet Corps Inspection*

CADET CORPS INSPECTION

(From the Cowichan Leader)

An impressive occasion on Saturday, May 28th, was the annual inspection of cadets, when No. 1844 Shawnigan Lake School Cadet Corps was inspected

by Brig. M. P. Bogert, Commanding Officer, Military District No. 11. Also taking part in the inspection was Major Harriet Moses, United States Senior W.A.C. officer on the Pacific Coast. They were accompanied by Capt. G. C. Brown, District Cadet Officer, and Lieut. J. N. Robertson, Area Officer for Vancouver Island.

The corps, made up of one company of three platoons including 66 cadets, drilled with commendable precision, and was congratulated by the Brigadier on its appearance, drill and marching.

In his address to the corps, Brig. Bogert stressed the value of cadet work, saying that in any walk of life some have to command while almost all have to learn to obey.

He presented to the company the Strathcona Trust Shield, open to all cadets in B. C., won this year by the Shawnigan Lake School Corps for a perfect shooting average of 100 per cent.

Demonstrations of training exercises followed, as well as a mock attack with realistic shooting and smoke screens.

The inspection was also made the occasion for the dedication and presentation of the cadet corps flag. It was dedicated by the Rev. E. M. Willis, school chaplain, and presented by Major Moses. In his dedicatory address, Mr. Willis gave the flag as a symbol of loyalty to corps, country, King and God. He also drew parallels from history, showing how troops had often rallied from apparently hopeless situations in order to save their flag.

During the inspection awards were made by Brig. Bogert to the following cadets: gold bullet, Cadets Gowman and Putnam; Dominion of Canada Rifle Association winter competition, second class, highest in unit, Cadet Putnam, 94.3%; Cadets Gowman, 94%; G. H. S. Parke, 93.6%; Wright, 91.3%; Flint, 91%; Harrison, 91%; Tuttle, 91%; Parke, 90.6%; Cowell, 90.3%.

Lunch at the school, where Mr. C. W. Lonsdale, Head Master, was host, was followed by a display of physical training by the cadets.

Those present at the function included Miss M. Gildea, Head Mistress of Strathcona Lodge School, with some of her students, and a large representation of parents, many from the United States, who had taken advantage of Memorial Day holiday week end across the line to attend.

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## *The Rag Concert*

The Rag Concert, so eagerly awaited and so enthusiastically rehearsed, fell this year on Saturday, November 13th. There was a very large crowd of parents and friends, the largest apparently there has ever been for this event. The thoughts of all present turned to the Head Master who was not present as he was still recuperating in California. This year's concert was most successful, as every number had something to recommend it and play followed play in such swift succession that interest never flagged.

Forms I and II gave a most entertaining presentation of the Pied Piper with Ferris, as the Mayor, carrying off top honours, closely followed by Rusty whose occasional forgetting of his lines left him quite unperturbed and completely master of the situation. Remove B's play contained a delightful denunciation of the kind that we are now beginning to associate with Mr.

McIntosh. Remove A, being skilled in the ways of this world, chose a silent play to avoid the necessity of learning lines. Elmaleh made a really convincing villain who needed hardly any coaching, and Denman, a lighthouse-keeper's daughter, supplied the touch of farce that leavened the whole. The Lower Fifth gave us a most realistic picture of the nightmares they cause their History Master when they make a haphazard and horrible goulash of what they have been taught. We were particularly sorry to miss an Upper Fifth play since, in the past, most of us have enjoyed watching others writhe helplessly under the playful barbs of the author though well we knew it would be our turn next. The Seventh Form put on the best skit of the evening, making the United Nations their target and scoring many clever bull's eyes. To conclude, four members of the staff gave us a picture of class-room chaos that brought down the house. The memory of Sweetapple being jabbed from the rear as he tried to tell the master about his rough comrades is one we shall long cherish.

The House plays were rather longer than usual but sufficiently diversified to appeal to every taste. Ripley's went in for horror, leaning heavily on Wood's terrifying, high-pitched shriek, Lake's for farce and females, and Groves' for drama, after transplanting the scene of their play to the home ground. The evening went all too quickly, and as the curtain fell for the last time, many of us sadly reflected that it would be another twelve months before the next Rag Concert.

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## *Dramatics*

The Michaelmas Term saw the revival of dramatics in the School. For the time available considerable progress was made, and we hope that greater numbers will take a more active part in this worthwhile side of their education.

The broad and racy flavour reminiscent of acting current in popular farces of the 16th century was ably portrayed by Messrs. Johnson, Putnam, Parke I, Wood, and Pinkerton in the staging of "Pierre Patelin." Out of this galaxy of stars Mr. Larsen intimated that he found little difficulty in choosing a "not to honest lawyer," a "man of profound wisdom and impartial judgment," and a shepherd who became such an "adept pupil" that he outwitted his own tutor. Both cast and audience enjoyed to the fullest the extreme humour of the situations and characters.

In contrast to Pierre Patelin was Mr. Duxbury's production of "The Monkey's Paw." The tragedy which befell a small English family as a result of their superstitious belief, formed the theme of the play in which Mr. Hyde-Lay, Gowman, Parke II, Patrick, and Burr found ample opportunity to exercise their talents.

Their effective performance drew much applause from audience which seemed to appreciate the difficulties of an amateur production of this type.

The presentation of Box and Cox by three members of the staff was greatly enjoyed by the entire school. Mr. Hyde-Lay, as Mrs. Bouncer, played the part of the mercenary landlady quite admirably. Mr. Duxbury, as Mr. Box, and Mr. Larsen, as Mr. Cox, displayed a degree of proficiency in the art of dice-throwing which had not hitherto been suspected. Mr. Box's ingenious method of side-stepping his engagement to Calamity Jane, however, was not so surprising. Both

showed rare talent in their handling of complicated and embarrassing situations, and their adroitness in verbally outmanoeuvering one another was highly amusing.

To perform successfully before an audience is no small feat. To be able to "shed one's inhibitions and lurch forth in one's bare impulses" surely is a great asset, but does not necessarily produce the desired result. Something more is required—natural talent, the ability to live the part, unbounded enthusiasm, and a great deal of good, hard work — these are the essentials. While there were few instances of lapses of memory, some faulty articulation, and lack of expression at times, an evident enthusiasm compensated in a large measure for these deficiencies. It is to the credit of all concerned that latent talents and abilities were discovered, and developed, that the efforts required were freely and generously expended, and that a fair degree of success was attained. The value of such combined effort and training cannot be over-estimated, and the results, we feel, have been very gratifying.

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## *Ripley's House Notes*

Ripley's House started off the year with a large number of new boys. This made a few adaptions necessary to help the shadows become accustomed to school life.

Although our New Boys were not used to such large scale productions, they made an admirable effort in putting on our Rag Concert play, "The Mad Plumber of Copeman's." Wood will be long remembered for his soul-searing, maniacal laughter as the Mad Plumber.

On the sports front, Ripley's did not fare too successfully. However, if our teams lacked a certain amount of weight and skill, they certainly did not lack spirit, and we are just as proud of all our teams for having played their hardest, cheerfully, and very often against heavy odds, as if they had won every game during the year. From the look of some of our Junior and Intermediate athletes, it won't be long before Ripley's is back again on top of the sports ladder; so take heart, old Ripleyites.

Butt, Allan, Putnam and Flint played for the first XV, and these four were later awarded their House Colours for their efforts on the House XV. During the very cold winter, we were able to form quite a good ice hockey team, with Wilkinson (a Calgarian) playing the leading role, dazzling us with his brilliant skating and stick handling.

Many of our more musically-minded boys became enthusiastic members of the choir. The reason for their enthusiasm soon became apparent to the rest of us when we heard in Chapel the results of Mr. Galliford's wizzarding training.

Some excellent results were produced by the boys in the Hobby Shop and down at the Boat House. Harrison (Model Club), Huston (Taxidermy Club), Wilson I (Machine Shop), amongst others, are to be congratulated on their show of initiative in making use of their spare time. Warm praise is also due to Riley, Chadwick, Allan and Young, who, along with Berry of Lake's House, were mainly responsible for getting our sailing fleet back in action.

About the middle of the Lent Term, we received a kind donation from

Mr. Ripley. After careful consideration, we decided to buy a rug for the Senior Common Room, but it wasn't until early in the Summer Term that we found a good bargain in Duncan. A maroon-coloured rug with a very outstanding design turned out to be exactly what we wanted.

At the time of writing, everyone is busy preparing for the Track and Field events, the Tennis Tournament, and the House Cricket Matches. Two of our stalwart cricketers, Butt and Hagstrom, are captains of the First XI and Colts XI respectively.

We have been very lucky this year in possessing a very efficient House-master and an ambitious Matron, an unbeatable pair. Thanks to them there has been a high standard of efficiency in the House all through the year. The coveted Efficiency Cup finally came back to Ripley's at the end of the Lent Term when Prescott Eaton deservedly won it for his unselfish work for the good of the School.

These notes would not be complete without some mention being made of the Ripley's Junior Team, a wonderful group of eight boys, all between the ages of 7 and 9 years. Although we have all at one time or another felt like cursing them for their boyish antics, we are nevertheless proud of them and hope they will stick together throughout their school years. What a power-house Ripley's ought to be seven or eight years from now if they do. All of us were very pleasantly surprised when Ferris received the honour of being placed on the Efficiency List at the amazing age of eight. Could this be a record?

Those of us who are leaving will miss the cheerful friendliness that has prevailed in the House throughout the year.

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## *Lake's House Notes*

Athletically speaking, the House has spent the year striking a happy medium in all fields of sport by placing second in almost everything we entered. True, an occasional first was obtained, but this was invariably counteracted by a last. Taking a long term view of it, things could have been worse, but then also they could certainly have been better.

We started the year off with twelve new Boys, and picked up four along the way. We welcome them to the House and enfold them to our ample bosom, although by this time of writing, each one of the sixteen must feel like an "old lag." However, taken as a body, the sixteen would be a welcome addition to any House, particularly Lake's.

Gowman and Pearkes have acted as School Prefects, and as such have not had quite so much to do with the House's affairs as have Burr, Birch and Tuttle, our House Prefects. They all played on the first XV except Gowman, who would be the first to admit that he prefers pastimes that require more skill and less brawn. MacInnes, Berry and Cowell also played on the first XV. Pearkes, Birch, Tuttle and Cowell received their Colours and are to be congratulated. The House also had some representatives in the Colts XV, and of these, Clark, McLennan and Thee played well. In the House matches we followed our usual pattern of coming second, beating Ripley's House 14-8 in the first round, then losing the Final to Groves' 14-3. In the Boxing Competition, Cowell, Burr and McKay I boxed well to win their weights, although in spite of their efforts we

once again came second to Groves'. Nevertheless in spite of these minor athletic setbacks, it only takes a glance at the results of the fortnightly Mathematics tests to see that intellectually we are supreme.

Wright has put in a good deal of hard work in the Hobby Shops in his spare time, and has turned out some very creditable models. Callahan too seems to have his Radio Club well organized, although it is anyone's guess as to what their true function is! Perhaps we could slip in here, before anyone can notice it, that we have been under the direction of a new House Master throughout the year, and all the House's failings could doubtless be traced to that source. However, he has taken the wind out of our sails by saying that he wishes to take this opportunity in thanking the House for its wholehearted support, heedless of his repeated warnings of corporal punishment and solitary confinement. We hoped that maybe we could let this pass, but his name is Mr. Hyde-Lay.

The Rag Concert provided the House with its chance to put on the golfing farce, "The Shooting of Dangerous Dan." Berry and Burr were the principals, and are to be congratulated on their sympathetic interpretations of their respective roles, they made them seem so natural, and were ably assisted by the rest of the cast.

Both the Common Rooms under the constant urgings of Tuttle at some time during the year have received "new paint jobs," and the improvement is quite noticeable. Towards the end of the Lent Term, Pearkes had to have his appendix removed, and afterwards was quite ill. The House missed him during his absence but is glad to report that now he is back with us again and he seems to have recovered. One could hardly finish without a word about our House Matron, Mrs. Ritchie. Too often we have taken the little things that she has done for us, for granted, but only let her disappear for a day and there is a hue and cry. We thank her for her untiring efforts for each one of us individually and for the House as a whole. The House wishes all its readers a happy Summer Holiday and, if it is too late for that, a Merry Christmas.

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## *Groves' House Notes*

I have consulted old School Magazines, have made at least five different attempts, and have lost many hours of sleep on the subject, but I still do not know what to say or how to say it in writing these Groves' House notes! To say that Groves' House has won everything in the way of inter-house competitions up to date would not be an exaggeration but it would be putting the matter rather bluntly, don't you think? After all, we do not want to give the impression that Groves' stalwarts are all record-breakers or anything of the sort, but we are rather proud of our athletic achievements in such pursuits as rugby, boxing, basketball, ice-hockey, gym competition, squash, badminton and chess, in all of which Groves' have triumphed. Of course this sounds like vain prattling but the truth of the situation may be judged by the following remark at some of Groves' boys by Lake's House Master a few days ago. "So you're not tired after running around the Trail, eh? Well, how did you feel after the game against St. George's School last November? Were you tired after that?" The significance of this is obvious when one realizes that Groves' contributed eight members toward the First Rugby Fifteen.

Probably most of our success is due to the expert guidance of our House Master, Mr. E. R. Larsen. He is an Old Boy of Shawnigan who returned last September to take over his old House.

In the inter-house rugby matches, the most important event of the year, Groves' exulted in the victory over Lake's with a score of 14-3. Lake's had previously managed to edge Ripley's out of the running. Ten minutes before the end of the game, Groves' was suddenly handicapped by the loss of their Captain, Gordon Parke, who was carried off the field with a broken leg.

Congratulations are due to Parke I, Parke II, Bice, Loughary and Johnson for winning their School Rugby Colours and to Parke I, Parke II, Bice, Loughary, Johnson, Green, Edgett, Morrison and Patrick for winning House Rugby Colours.

In spite of the fact that some performers managed to forget some of their lines, our play at the Rag Concert did go over pretty well. The play was "Her Shawnigan Lover" which was just that with a few other lovers thrown in.

The House executives this year are Parke I who is also Head of the School and Parke II who is a School Prefect with Bice, Loughary and Johnson as House Prefects.

We are very proud as a House of certain boys who have captured the School's most coveted prize, the Efficiency Cup, for four terms in succession. These boys are Parke II, Michaelmas 1947, Day, Lent 1948, Billings, Summer 1948, and Parke I in the Michaelmas Term of 1948. This cup is presented to the boy who has shown the most unselfish devotion to duty during the term and we feel that these four accomplishments are significant of the general tone of the House.

On the whole, Groves' has had a very successful year. We have tried to work as a team and not merely as a group of individuals and so have been able to overcome successfully any obstacles which have confronted us.

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## *Badminton*

A fair amount of badminton was played at the School this year. A ladder of over forty boys has been functioning and four tournaments have been played which included an Inter-House contest.

All the three open tournaments were won by the same boy, Gowman. In the Annual Tournament, Gowman beat Patrick in the finals 11-7, 4-11, 11-7, 11-6.

An Inter-House tournament was organized with a team of four representing each house. The results were Groves' 5, Lake's 4, Ripley's 3. Unfortunately, Gowman did not play; he would probably have made some difference in Lake's standing.

# Rugby Notes

1948 — 1949



BACK ROW: D. Green, D. MacInnes, M. Morrison, R. Berry, G. Butt, J. Burr, M. Bayly, D. Johnson.

FRONT ROW: B. Loughary, A. Parke, C. Tuttle, G. Parke (Captain), M. Birch, J. Cowell, W. Bice.

ABSENT: J. A. Pearkes.

One cannot help reflecting that the School should have ended the season with a better record. Certainly luck contributed nothing. The game against New Entries Naden should have been won, and we were beaten at University School on a foul day with a much weakened team.

Our first match against the Canadian Scottish Regiment Cadets was won rather easily. From the time that Birch kicked rather a good penalty goal until Putnam ploughed through the opposition like a hippopotamus through the pampas, there was no doubt as to which was the better team. It is rather dismal to note that of the seven tries scored, only one was converted. This inability to kick goals was a big failing throughout the season.

We turned up at "Royal Roads" for the match against the Services College "B" team with an uncertain feeling of confidence in our stomachs and one victory under our belts. It was obvious as soon as the game got under way that the referee had had a difference with the rule book, and in the space of five minutes awarded three penalty kicks against us. This was just a taste of what was to follow. Soon the College was three points up on a good penalty goal. This seemed to rouse the team out of its doldrums and for the next ten minutes they played really attractive rugby with the three quarters handling well and running straight and hard. Johnson scored our first try, pouncing on a dropped

pass and racing through onto the opposing full back as if he intended to run him down. Luckily he missed, so the score was now tied at 3-3. Royal Roads pressed at the beginning of the second half and after five minutes and against the run of play, we scored. From a loose maul Cowell got his hands on the ball, and via the Morrison, Johnson, Loughary route, it finally reached Alan Parke on the wing who, showing a turn of speed we did not know he possessed and sporting his new hand-off, reached the line in the corner for a most spectacular try. With the score now at 6-3 in our favour, we all felt a great deal better. However, our pleasure was short lived, for Cadet Laudenbach regained the lead for his team with two fine penalty goals in quick succession. Johnson tied the score for us with a resolute dash for the line when the ball reached him from a five yard scrum. The Cadets now really put on the pressure, and for ten minutes pressed the School on their line. However, Birch relieved with a nice kick to touch and when the final whistle went, we had almost scored again.

After this disappointing result against Royal Roads, our return match against them provided a mild tonic, though the feet of clay were still visible for short periods. In this match Johnson found his real form and was the spear-head of the attack in the remaining matches. Twice he cut through beautifully, but inability to pass at the right moment cost us tries. After five minutes, Butt put us three points ahead with rather a lucky penalty goal, the ball striking the upright but bounding to the right side. Tuttle received a nasty gash over the eye and spent the rest of the game dashing off and on to receive minor repairs. The School three quarters for once ran smoothly and constantly looked dangerous, Alan Parks, Loughary and Johnson making long gains. The School's first try was a beauty. It was the fruit of much practice. Cowell reversed a pass to Johnson, who had cut back to the blind side and it caught the opposing team so much on the wrong foot that Johnson was able to score standing up. Alan Parke scored the last try, getting over in the corner after a good three quarter movement. The team played well and the forwards were well led by Gordon Parke, for once doing what they were told and having the ball back at the right time.

We were without MacInnes I for our next match, his place being taken by Bayly. Green was another casualty, so it was a slightly disorganized team that took the field against H.M.C.S. Naden New Entries. Birch was moved up from full back to the centre and Patrick put at back. It is no slight on Patrick's play to say that had the team been at full strength, Naden would never have had the opportunity to score two tries. Our six points came from two penalty goals by Butt. The team, as a whole, never settled down against a team that employed spoiling tactics. Naden won because they seized their opportunities and had someone who could convert a try.

The match against the Old Boys on Rag Concert Sunday, was a most enjoyable game. The only fly in the ointment was the weather. It rained quite hard and did not look like stopping. It didn't. The School did most of the pressing in the first half, but missed a great many scoring opportunities due to sloppy handling of the slippery ball, particularly by the back field. Berry scored the first try from a pass by Cowell round the blind side. It looked as if the Old Boys had been caught unawares. 3-0 at half time was a slightly flattering score. The Old Boys felt relieved and a little amazed. On resumption of play, the School improved, although, there was still a good deal of poor passing. After

about ten minutes, Pearkes intercepted a pass, ran for about 20 yards and then passed inside to Bice, who was tacked almost on the line. From the ensuing loose scrum, Bice, Pearkes and Burr forced the ball over the line for a try, Butt converting to make the score 8-0. The last try was scored by Green in the corner, Butt missed the kick, 11-0. For the Old Boys, Stokes and R. Pruett proved to be a formidable second row, and in the three quarters, Kueckelhan, Balshaw and Ned Larsen played hard and well.

We were still without MacInnes for our game against St. George's at Brockton Oval. As it turned out, this was more of a handicap than we imagined, for we saw very little of the ball, which was a pity, as Johnson and Loughary proved — with what little they did see of the ball — that they could get by their opposite numbers. The final score, 22-0, was slightly flattering to St. George's, although it cannot be denied that they were the better team. Their heavier and larger forwards dominated the game, and in Peter Scott, their Captain and fly half, they had a schemer par excellence. After playing on dry, springy grounds here at Shawnigan, it was rather a rude jolt to have to squelch through the Brockton quagmire. The School team's big failing was an indiscriminate hurling about of the ball when on our own line. This led to three of St. George's tries, which they were delighted to accept, and the score stood at 13-0 at half time, and our backs had seen nothing of the ball. How we missed MacInnes! In the second half things improved slightly, and the team as a whole did better. Occasionally the ball reached Johnson and Loughary, and twice they performed two beautiful scissors, but the heavy going made it impossible for either of them to get clear. St. George's scored twice more and kicked a penalty goal to bring the final score up to 22-0. The tackling of the team was good, but there was very little corner flagging. Pearkes played magnificently at wing forward, and time and again stopped dangerous-looking movements with timely tackles. St. George's must be congratulated on playing really attractive football, and adapting themselves to the conditions. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their kind and thoughtful hospitality.

The season closed with the match against University School, and for this match we were without the Parke brothers and Johnson. Quite a handicap. Nevertheless, we have no excuses to offer for being beaten by such a large score as 20-6. This was one of the School's off days; and although each individual tried hard, the team lacked cohesion. It soon became obvious that University's three quarters would need some watching, and in Shipley, the hooker, they had a forward whose height proved invaluable in the lineouts. Valiantly though Tuttle toiled, it was here that we missed Gordon Parke's great height, for I am sure that he would have more than held his own. Our points came from a first half penalty goal kicked by Butt, and a try in the second half from an intercepted pass by Burr. University School scored six tries, quite a few of which could have been stopped had there been more resolute tackling and falling. The match was played in a downpour which did not help matters. Rather a dismal way to end the season, but the team is a young one and the experience gained should prove invaluable to the majority of them next year. Our big failing was a dearth of place kickers. Of the seventeen tries scored, only two were converted; a rather dismal record, but one that should not be hard to improve upon next season.

## CHARACTERS OF THE TEAM

**G. H. S. PARKE** (Captain)—2nd Row Forward.

A good hard-working forward who always gave his best and set a good example for the rest of the team to follow. His height and weight proved to be invaluable, although it set him aside as a target for our opponents.

**J. A. PEAKES**—Wing Forward.

A fine wing forward who has a flair for spoiling. He seemed to be able to cover the whole field. His tackling and falling left nothing to be desired.

**M. C. BIRCH**—Full Back.

His tackling has always been excellent, his catching and kicking adequate, but he has a distressing tendency to lie too far up.

**J. M. COWELL**—Scrum Half.

A reliable scrum half not afraid to tackle or fall on the ball. His service from the scrum was accurate, but on the slow side.

**C. B. TUTTLE**—2nd Row Forward.

One of the "heavies," but when the spirit moves him he plays a lively hustling game, and has been known to be quite skittish in the open. He is by no means slow, and his tackling is consistently good.

**A. A. PARKE**—Right Wing.

Lacking sheer pace for a wing, he more than made up for it by developing a powerful handoff. At times his positioning was at fault, but he always ran with determination, and was sound on defence.

**B. St. C. Loughary**—Right Centre.

One of the most improved players on the team. He has a good eye for an opening. He has at last overcome his reluctance to take the rough with the smooth, and is no longer a liability in defence. When given room to manoeuvre, he is quite a dangerous attacking player.

**W. C. BICE**—Front Row Forward.

A good honest hard-working forward who can be relied upon to show up well in both the tight and the loose.

**D. E. JOHNSON**—Left Centre.

A fine attacking player. He is fast and clever with his feet, but his passing is practically non-existent. His covering in defence was always excellent. Against weak opposition he generally had a field day, but when faced with stronger tackling he is apt to attempt too much on his own.

**D. C. E. MacINNES**—Hooker.

He is now a very adept hooker, and does his share of work in the loose. His tackling and falling are an object lesson.

**J. B. BURR**—Wing Forward.

An adequate wing forward with a thorough knowledge of the game, but is not enough of a terrier.

**M. R. MORRISON**—Lock.

He improved with every outing, but gets hurt too easily. He is valuable in the loose.

**D. W. GREEN**—Stand-off Half.

He really looked promising at the beginning of the season, but never seemed to improve after that. His big failing is that he does not make full use of his speed. He has a fine pair of hands, but must learn to tackle low.

**D. G. BUTT**—Front Row Forward.

He never quite made full use of his attributes. It must be admitted that he thrives chiefly against opponents who oblige by dropping their passes, and does not shine so much in a hard slogging match. His tackling at the moment is extremely poor.

**R. T. BERRY**—Left Wing.

He developed from nothing and must be congratulated on this alone. His speed is offset by his slight build, which handicaps him against larger opponents. His defence is sound.

Also Played—M. Bayly, T. R. Putnam, A. S. Patrick, D. V. Allen.

**2nd XV**

The second fifteen had only two matches, both of which were lost. On each occasion they surprised us all by their hard playing. Eaton proved an efficient, if unassuming, captain, and was well supported by Patrick, and Bayly in the forwards and Edgett and Flint in the three quarters. In Bellm 2 we have a promising young stand off half who handles, kicks and tackles well. The first match against St. George's 2nd XV was lost by the score 29-0. Our opponents were larger and definitely more experienced, and the School did well to hold the score down to less than thirty points. The second match against University School 2nd XV was more enjoyable and evenly contested although we were beaten 12-0. Not a very successful season, but not one to be ashamed of in any way, for very few of the boys had had any match experience whatsoever.

**COLTS XV**

The Colts lost their only match against University School Colts XV, 3-0. It was a very evenly contested game played in appalling conditions. This made the ball extremely difficult to hold and broken field running virtually impossible. However, there were surprisingly enough a number of good three quarter runs, but it was the forwards who bore the brunt of the attack and defence, and they were magnificently led by Wilson 1, who was playing his first game in six weeks; a broken wrist had sidelined him. He was ably supported by Wood and Clark. Bellm 2 at stand off was sound, but his partner, Thee, attempted too much on his own, and the School lost two very good chances for scoring through his preferring not to pass out. There are several good prospects in this team, and the outlook for the future appears bright.

**RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES**

**1st XV**

October	9th—Canadian Scottish Cadets (Home) .....	Won	26- 3
October	16th—Canadian Services College "B" (Away) .....	Tied	9- 9
October	30th—Canadian Services College "B" (Home) .....	Won	9- 0
November	6th—St. George's 2nd XV (Home) .....	Lost	0-29
November	10th—H.M.C.S. Naden New Entries (Home) .....	Lost	6- 8

November 14th—Old Boys (Home) .....	Won	11- 0
November 20th—St. George's 1st XV (Away) .....	Lost	0-22
November 27th—University School 1st XV (Away) .....	Lost	6-20
November 20th—University School 2nd XV (Home) .....	Lost	0-12
November 27th—University School Colts XV (Away) .....	Lost	0- 3

### HOUSE MATCHES

The first round of the House Matches drew Lake's House against Ripley's. Both Houses had several boys in bed, so the teams that took the field were fairly weak. In the first half it was nearly all Ripley's, as Lake's battled uphill against a strong wind and rain. Ripley's gained the ball repeatedly from the set scrums and both Butt and Putnam took a good deal of watching. Finally, after fifteen minutes of play they scored in the corner from a good try by Putnam. Ripley's continued to press and it was not long before their efforts were rewarded, as from a lineout Wilson I intercepted a pass back to the scrum half and raced over unmolested. Butt converted to make the score 8-0. This seemed to wake Lake's House up and soon it was their turn to press. First Thee went round the blind side only to be held up, and then the ball was heeled and Birch crashed his way over for a try which was not converted. Thus the score at half time stood at 8-3, which was quite surprising as Lake's House were regarded to have the stronger team.

However, in the second half the situation was reversed and Lake's spent almost the rest of the game in Ripley's half. Birch scored his second try of the game in very much the same manner as he scored the first, to reduce the lead to two points, 8-6. The next try came through Cooke and Doyle pouncing on a dropped pass and dribbling it over the line. Birch converted this try to give his House the lead, 11-8. Finally to cap a fine afternoon's work, Birch scored his third try of the game on a fine sixty-yard run that had him go through nearly the whole side. The final score was 14-8. Lake's House were pretty much all Birch, while Ripley's House surprised everyone by its good display.

In the final, Lake's started off with a rush against Groves' and for a moment looked like scoring, pressing their opponents right back to their line. However, pressure was relieved when a free kick was awarded against Cowell for picking the ball out of the scrum. Groves' House were settling down more now, but they could not get their dangerous three quarter line going, owing to the fine hooking of MacInnes for Lake's. Finally, they did heel it, and Johnson cut through beautifully and passed the ball on to Loughary for a nice try. The kick was missed. Groves' continued pressing and once Loughary looked certain to score, but was knocked into touch by a fine tackle by Berry. So half time was reached with Groves' House leading by the small score of 3-0. The second half was a different story with Groves' House coming into their own and improving by the minute. First Edgett went round the blind side of a five yard scrum for a try, 6-0. Then Loughary got over in the corner, and Patrick only just missed with a fine kick from the touch line. Parke II cut through beautifully to score between the posts. So the score now stood at 14-0 in Groves' House favour. Just prior to this try Gordon Parke was brought down heavily in a tackle by Birch and Harrison. He suffered a broken ankle

which was a dismal way to bring a fine Rugby career at Shawnigan to a close. In the closing minutes of the game, Cooke scampered over for a try for Lake's House much against the run of play, and so the final score was 14-3.

Both games were keenly contested and the play was at times far more bruising than skillful. Groves' House are to be congratulated on winning, but maybe not by quite such a large margin as many expected.

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## *Boxing*

1949

"Not enough footwork and practically no straight punching" was the verdict of Commander Kingscote after he had refereed the Finals, and every spectator must agree with him. Too often the boys wasted much of their energy in attempting to land a vicious hook where a straight left would have been far more effective. However, in spite of this, there were many good bouts and plucky displays. In very few weights was it possible to predict a winner and, in several cases, there was a surprise win for the underdog.

### **PAPERWEIGHT (under 80 lbs.)**

Ritchie 2 won this weight after three close fights. His opponent in the finals, Lawson 1, expended enough energy, if correctly directed, to win three bouts. However most of his strength was spent in pounding the air. The spectators certainly enjoyed this fight. Lawson 2 surprised many with his persistent belligerence and will be a hard boy to beat in the future.

### **GNATWEIGHT (under 90 lbs.)**

McKay 1 proved to be the best boxer and had little trouble winning his weight. In the semi-finals Wilson 2 put up a good fight but could not match McKay's experience. In the final, McKay met Bick who tried hard but could not really extend him.

### **MOSQUITOWEIGHT (under 100 lbs.)**

McKay 1 boxed in this weight as well as his own, and proved he was up to it by reaching the finals before losing to his taller opponent, Tutin. This was a hard fight and a good one to watch. Ritchie 1 looked good but he must use more aggressive tactics if he ever wishes to do himself justice.

### **BANTAMWEIGHT (under 118 lbs.)**

This weight was a wide open affair. Anyone of the four semi-finalists could have won. Bellm 2 emerged as the winner and must be congratulated on his stamina if on nothing else, he being the busiest boxer of the Tournament, reaching the finals in this weight and the weight above. He beat Wilson 1 in the finals in what was more like a wrestling match than anything else. In the semi-finals he won over McLennan who looked to be the best boxer in the weight. In the other semi-final, Wilson 1 won a close decision over Shanks.

### **FEATHERWEIGHT (under 126 lbs.)**

Illness and absence of several of the boys disorganized this weight. The result was that not one boy fought the opponent he was originally drawn against. The big surprise in this weight was Wray. First he dealt with Hackett

and then gave Edgett some rough moments. Edgett however, was too nimble for him and won comfortably. Bellm 2 beat Cooke and then lost to Edgett in rather a tame battle. It was obvious that he was feeling the effects of boxing in two weights.

#### LIGHTWEIGHT (under 135 lbs.)

Cowell won fairly comfortably and was not really extended. He had a clear cut victory over Wilkinson who fought pluckily and he did not find beating Loughary, in the final, too difficult. He is one of the very few boys who punches straight. In an earlier bout Wright displayed courage in fighting it out with Loughary after the latter had floored him with a hard right hook in the first round.

#### WELTERWEIGHT (under 150 lbs.)

Of the two finalists, Johnson had by far the easier passage. Receiving a bye into the second round, he had only one fight and that an easy one to reach the finals. For Burr it was a difficult story. First he had a hard fight against Bayly and then an even harder one against Parke 2. In the final, Johnson was expected to win. However, they both started off so cautiously, they were asked to liven things up which they proceeded to do and gave us a good exhibition of boxing, particularly Burr. He fought really well to beat Johnson, with some solid punches. These tactics paid off as it was very evident that Johnson tired badly in the final round.

#### MIDDLEWEIGHT (under 170 lbs.)

This was the weight of surprises. First Doyle loosened some of Robinson's teeth and won there and then. Birch followed suit by dealing with Morrison in the first round without any difficulty and little opposition, and Green beat Putnam in a very tame bout. The next bout was quite a revelation. Green displaying speed and power that he had hitherto kept hidden, blasted Birch out of the picture in a real pitched battle. Birch would certainly have done better if he had remembered that he had a straight left, instead of trying to out-Herod Herod. Butt beat Doyle quite easily. In the final, Green tried the same tactics that had been so effective against Birch but this time they backfired slightly. After punching wildly in the first round, Butt decided to box and, although Green proved troublesome until the final gong, Butt was a decisive winner.

#### HEAVYWEIGHT

The expected final between Parke 1 and Pearkes was never realised. Pearkes hurt his thumb when boxing Bice, and Tuttle lost to Parke. It is a pity that Pearkes was not available to test Parke for he is the only boy tall enough to do so.

In reflection, one could say that many boys have improved considerably and some even surprised themselves. The standard throughout the School is improving and that, after all, is what matters.

On the basis of awarding two points for the winner and one for the loser in the finals, Groves' House turned out to be the winners with 12 points, second was Lake's House with 8 points, and third Ripley's with 7 points. Altogether, it was quite close.

Paperweight (under 80 lbs.)	Ritchie 2	Lawson 1
Gnatweight (under 90 lbs.)	McKay 1	Bick
Mosquitoweight (under 100 lbs.)	Tutin	McKay 1
Bantamweight (under 118 lbs.)	Bellm 2	Wilson 1

Featherweight (under 126 lbs.)	Edgett	Bellm 2
Lightweight (under 135 lbs.)	Cowell	Loughary
Welterweight (under 150 lbs.)	Burr	Johnson
Middleweight (under 170 lbs.)	Butt	Green
Heavyweight	Parke 1	Pearkes

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## Squash

The game of squash racquets, which has been popular for so long in England and the United States, has at last caught on at the School. The boys are extremely lucky in having two very good courts and this year they have made full use of them.

At the beginning of the Michaelmas Term, a ladder, for which thirty-seven boys volunteered, was organized and it continued to function during the year. This was followed up by an open tournament at the end of the term. In the finals, Parke II beat Pearkes two games to none. It is interesting to notice that two middle school boys, who were later to do so well, were, at this time, just getting the hang of the game and were easily put out of this tournament. These boys, Thee and Patrick, became fired with an ardent enthusiasm for the game at about the same time and, as a result, they spent every moment of spare time they had during the Lent Term practising in the squash courts — not together, but each patiently working by himself. Their labour paid dividends when they took everyone by complete surprise in a Handicap Squash Tournament which was held during February. Thee beat Pearkes decisively in the semi-finals 15-8, 15-12; Patrick beat the former winner, Parke II, quite easily in two games, 15-10, 15-9. In the final match their brand of squash improved tremendously and the game was very exciting. Thee won the first two games 17-16, 15-8; Patrick showed some surprise and managed to win the next two games 15-11, 15-11. Enthusiasm rose to a very high pitch and it became a battle of nerves rather than skill; however, toward the end Patrick managed to remain the cooler and emerged the winner, with a score of 15-12.

Squash was rapidly becoming a very popular game among the boys and the staff. Practising became quite intense during the month of March, in preparation for the Annual Tournament for the Squash Challenge Cup. In this tournament Patrick and Thee again met in the finals, having beaten Bellm I and Parke II respectively in the semi-finals. Both boys used their heads more than they had done in the previous match; however, Patrick's hard hitting turned the tide in his favour. This type of play does not indicate too much skill but it was apparently enough to baffle Thee who is not yet experienced enough to know what to do with this kind of ball. Patrick won three straight games 15-8, 15-6, 15-11.

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## Grass Hockey

Grass Hockey was played at the School this year for the first time. It did not become a recognized school sport but it became a Sunday diversion to be enjoyed by the School and staff alike.

The interest increased so quickly in this sport that, before long, a team was going from Shawnigan to play Duncan every Sunday afternoon. During the year the calibre of play rose steadily until on March 12th, the U.B.C. first hockey XI was invited over to play Shawnigan on the Saturday afternoon, and to play Duncan on Sunday afternoon. The U.B.C. students stayed in Cope-man's House on Saturday night.

On Saturday afternoon U.B.C. won the game 3-0. The game was a very fast, hard-hitting game and it was not very scientific. The Shawnigan members of the team were Mr. Twite, Mr. C. E. Lonsdale, Mr. N. Larsen, Mr. L. Bullen, Mr. D. Hyde-Lay, Mr. F. Duxbury, P. Harrison (2), D. E. Johnson, G. H. S. Parke (1) and the other two were from Duncan.

On Sunday afternoon, U.B.C. won again in Duncan with a score of 3-0. Messrs. Bullen, Hyde-Lay and Larsen were the Shawnigan members on the Duncan team. The game was quite a poor one owing to a muddy ground. However, the students returned home quite surprised at the strength of such a small community.

As a result of the weekend, the Vancouver All-Star Hockey team challenged an Island team to play a two-game series at Shawnigan for the O. B. Allan Cup.

Preliminary trials were held in Duncan on March 26th for the purpose of picking the Island team. Nine Shawnigan players, four of whom were boys, were picked by an independent selection committee.

On Saturday, April 2nd, the first game was played against a very powerful Mainland side; notable on the other side were Karel Singh who played on the Indian Olympic championship team in 1936, and Derek Leader who has played for England. However, our team, which had been practising a good deal, put up a very good game and held the first score to 1-0 against the Island. The game was close and it surprised the visitors a good deal. However, the Sunday game proved to be the best game seen during the whole season, since both sides put forward all their efforts and thus combined science with a great deal of speed. At half time, the Island was ahead 1-0. However, the result ended at 3-2 in favour of Vancouver.

This quick enthusiasm for a fine game exemplifies the very quick progress the game has made since the turn of the century. If the interest increases at the same rate next year, as it did this year, it will not be out of the question to expect the custody, before long, of the O. B. Allan Cup.

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## *Basketball*

As a result of a severe winter the School put more emphasis on basketball than it has done heretofore. The first team had two matches against the Shawnigan Village team, and the Colts had one match against their Intermediates.

The first match was played at the S.L.A.A. Hall on January 29th. At half time the score was 26-17 against us and at full time they had beaten us 46-33. Our team was definitely not up to scratch; our passing was feeble and our marking was very poor. Our loss was certainly due to the fact that five

of our best players were not playing. Patrick, who scored 16 points, was the top scorer on the floor.

The second match was played at the School on February 9th. It was a very different story; we had our full team and, consequently, we beat them 43-13. The team played surprisingly well and Patrick, Johnson and Green marked their men with considerable skill. The top scorers were Johnson and Patrick, both of whom sunk 15 points.

Our Colts team played their Intermediates on the same night. As a result of the efforts of Wilson I and Goodenough, who were both in a class by themselves, we won 38-0. Wilson scored 18 points and Goodenough 14 points.

The Inter-House basketball was not very close since five of the first six players in the School were in Groves' House. However, there was an upset in the first round when Ripley's beat Lake's 24-16. Lake's had a better team but Ripley's fought doggedly and managed to win. In the final, Groves' beat Ripley's with considerable ease by a score of 54-14.

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## *Physical Training and Gymnastics*

1948

This year's activities culminated in a display held after the Annual Cadet Corps Inspection. It commenced with Group Calisthenics and Swedish Drill performed by two squads of boys, twenty-five in each squad, these squads being led by T. Brooks and G. Parke respectively. No spoken word of command was given and the exercises followed one another without a break for about twelve minutes. This was followed by an exhibition of Box Horse work and Tumbling performed by a team of chosen boys. The exercises while not too difficult were performed with precision and smartness. The Display was brought to a close by the boys performing some Pyramids. It is hoped that next year an Inter-House Gymnastics Competition will be held.

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## *The House Gymnastics Competition*

1949

From a spectator's point of view, seeing an exercise performed a dozen or more times consecutively with varying degrees of success and smartness is not what one would call a fascinating pastime, so our audience is to be congratulated on its patience.

Groves' House won the Competition. However, the whole performance was rather disappointing. The competitors, obviously nervous, performed their exercises with a sluggish lethargy not usually associated with Gymnastics. No one, it seemed, had a chest to stick out or a head to hold up, and each one moved around as if he personally were heading a funeral march. The exercises themselves emphasized control but were not at all spectacular to the audience, although performed adequately by the boys. Barring one or two exceptions, the originality of the voluntary exercises chosen by each boy were singularly

unimaginative. Each House finished by forming a Pyramid, the only one of any consequence being that built up by Lake's House. Loughary is to be congratulated on obtaining the highest individual marks, closely followed by Alan Parke, McKay I and Green in that order. Parkinson was the best Junior, with Bellm II and McAlpine I next in order.

#### PHYSICAL TRAINING DISPLAY — May 28th, 1949

The Physical Training Display was held in the afternoon, after the Cadet Corps Inspection. The weather was rather ominous looking, with many rain clouds hovering too near for comfort. There were three classes on display, Junior, Intermediate and Senior. The Junior class with Coates as leader, took the field first to perform a group of eight exercises to run concurrently with only the briefest pause between each exercise. The boys were obviously very nervous, but managed to overcome this in a commendable manner and they gave a good performance. Their errors were not too noticeable and, compared to some of the bizarre and uncoordinated efforts made in practices, were remarkably few. It was a pleasant surprise.

This class was followed by the Intermediates under the leadership of David Bellm. Their group of exercises was more advanced although they took no longer to do. Quite naturally this class was smarter than their younger predecessors and did its exercises with good effect, except for a slight difference of opinion as to the timing at the beginning and a rather careless error at the very end.

The Senior Class now came onto the scene and took up their positions with better dressing than either of the two classes that had gone before. The exercises that followed were performed smartly and, it would appear to the lay observer, correctly. However, to the Hyde-Lay observer, there were one or two positional errors that lowered what would have been a very good performance to just a good one. Alan Parke, who led this class, must be congratulated on his smartness and his excellent positions on all movements of each exercise.

The Box Horse and Tumbling Squad were now on display. This squad consisted of Green, Johnson, Loughary, Parke 2, Cowell, Edgett, MacInnes I and McKay I. As soon as they started, the weather, which had hitherto done its best, broke, and it started to rain softly at first but ever increasing. This ruined the Box Horse work as the spring board became slippery and dangerous to use; so it was cut short and the boys turned to their Tumbling exercises. However, they seemed to have lost their zip, and while they performed adequately, each one individually was disappointed with his own showing. However, Johnson did a fine swallow dive over the Horse and followed this up by doing his somersault over, so perhaps it is an ill wind that does not blow somebody some good.

On reflection, one might say that the Display was a success and as good as one thought it would be, but not quite so good as one hoped it might be.

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## Track and Field

1948

The Annual Track and Field Competitions were held on two afternoons near the end of the Summer Term. As usual, the events were run off on an

Inter-House team basis, with the results that all events were very keenly contested. Groves' House emerged victorious with Lake's House second and Ripley's third.

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Groves' House proved to be fairly easy winners, by virtue of the fine showing of their Intermediates, who won every event except one. However, it was not all due to them, the Seniors did well too. This year more events were included, and the whole meet was spread over four days. This accounted for better performances as each boy rarely had more than one race a day. Perhaps the highlight of the whole affair was the Senior 100-yard relay, which was won by Groves' from Ripley's by the closest of margins. The two final leg runners breasted the tape inches apart, Parke 2 just ahead of Butt. There was also a keen tussle between Lake's and Groves' in the Senior 440 and 880 relays. The same four boys ran the two races for their House, so the rivalry was quite keen. Groves' won the 440 and Lake's the 880. The longer races seemed to suit the Lake's House runners better, for in the Trail Race, Berry, Burr and Birch occupied the first three positions with Loughary fourth. Other performances worth mentioning were: Green's prodigious heave of the Cricket Ball of 103 yards, 1 foot; Gordon Parke's standing throw of 110 feet, 9½ inches in the Discus Throw; Butt's double victory in the High Jump and Shot Putt, coming in as a last minute entry in the latter event. Grove's Intermediates swept all before them and many of their fine performances would not have disgraced their Seniors. They had a fine quartet of runners in Edgett, Bellm 1, Webster and Tutin. In the under 13 events, Casselman romped home first in all the races, while in the under 10's, Vandersluys, another Ripley's boy, won easily. He accomplished a fine leap in the Broad Jump, covering 11 feet 6 inches, a good effort for a boy of eight. The last event, as usual, was the Tug O' War. Once again Groves' were victorious pulling Ripley's two straight pulls to none, and then repeating the dose against Lake's House.

It was decided that, as there were no School Records available, we would make some this year, so five open events were arranged. Considering the fact that the track here at the School is a grass one, and the boys ran in running shoes, and not track shoes, the times set were good. R. T. Berry won the Mile from four other runners in the time of five minutes, 4.4 seconds. He was followed by Burr the whole way, but managed to keep ahead of him to the tape. A. A. Parke pulled a surprise in the 880 yards coming from behind to win by two yards from Burr. He was lying third one hundred yards from the tape but just had enough in him to pull out and overtake Burr and Berry. His time of two minutes 10.6 seconds is a good one. The 440 yards was a two-man race between Parke 2 and Birch, the latter winning in the time of 56.0 seconds. D. G. Butt was a double winner in the 100 yards and the 220 yards, in 10.8 seconds and 24.6 seconds, respectively. In both races he was followed home by Birch.

The running in the School is not keen, in fact boys have had to be coaxed to run. However, the present crop of sprinters and middle distance men in the School is promising and one or two boys, if they bothered to do any training, would be good; particularly Berry and Birch. Neither of these two did any training whatsoever, yet managed to do well in the actual races. Berry is a very graceful runner and if he decided to take things seriously next year, could

develop something special. Webster is another runner who has great ability, but as he is yet young there is still plenty of time.

### SENIORS

	Groves'	Ripley's	Lake's
100 yards relay -----	6	4	2
220 yards relay -----	6	4	2
440 yards relay -----	6	2	4
880 yards relay -----	4	2	6
Trail Race -----	4	2	6
High Jump -----	1	3	2
Broad Jump -----	2	1	3
Cricket Ball Throw -----	3	2	1
Shot Putt -----	2	3	1
Discus Throw -----	3	1	2
Tug O' War -----	6	2	4

### INTERMEDIATES

100 yard Relay -----	6	4	2
220 yard Relay -----	6	4	2
440 yard Relay -----	6	4	2
Trail Race -----	6	4	2
High Jump -----	3	2	1
Broad Jump -----	3	2	1
Cricket Ball Throw -----	2	3	1
Under 13's -----	0	4	2
Under 10's -----	10	10	4
Boxing -----	12	4	8
Swimming -----	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>
TOTAL -----	113	83	74

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## Swimming

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The competition this year was very evenly contested, so evenly in fact, that the final standings left the three Houses locked in a tie, all with 16 points.

Groves' House definitely proved themselves to be "Dark Horses". They were not thought to have much of a chance as they were not supposed to have any good swimmers. However, they soon showed one and all that, although their Seniors might not be as strong as those in the other two Houses, their Junior swimmers were stronger and it was here that they raked up most of their points. Lake's on the other hand gained almost all their points through their Seniors and, in particular, through MacInnes 1 who, without a doubt, proved himself to be the most accomplished swimmer in the School. He won the 250 yards Open by 40 yards from the next boy, Riley. The first ten boys home received points for their House; as five Ripley boys followed MacInnes home, they won the event rather handily. The Senior Diving resulted in a close race between all three Houses and, individually, between Green, MacInnes 1 and

Harrison 2. Green and MacInnes tied for first place, and the former won the dive off. Parkinson was the winner in the Junior Diving. We experimented this year with a water Tug O' War, which proved to be more tiring than successful, the pull between Groves' and Ripley's lasting some minutes and ending in a stale-mate, although Groves' were awarded the decision.

The standard of swimming in the School is not high, the boys far preferring to bathe and to frolic than to swim lengths in a serious effort to get into training. However, the competition amongst themselves is keen and there are many boys who swim well and only need coaching to become good.

	Groves'	Ripley's	Lake's
50 yard Relay	1	3	2
50 yard Board Relay	2	1	3
250 yards Open	1	3	2
Diving	2	1	3
Tug O'War	2	1	3
50 yard Relay	3	2	1
50 yard Board Relay	2	3	1
Diving	3	2	1
Total	16	16	16
Position	1st	1st	1st

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## Cricket Notes

1948

The cricket fortunes of Shawnigan Lake School were at a low ebb during 1948. However, although the 1st XI never won a match, and the Colts won only one, some promising young cricketers were revealed, raising our hopes for the future.

During the early part of the term, practice was greatly hampered by bad weather, but once the summer days arrived, the nets were continually busy, and the sounds of bat on ball echoed pleasantly about our fields.

Cricketing interest was greatly heightened by the arrival of three new members of the staff— real cricket enthusiasts all. These three, Mr. C. E. Lonsdale, Mr. E. R. Larsen and Mr. E. L. Bullen were able to give valuable aid to Mr. Twite, who has for so long carried on the coaching duties unaided, and with such tireless energy. By the end of the term, many boys who had at first rather looked down on cricket, were finding great enjoyment in the game, and were beginning to appreciate its true beauty and greatness; its moments of pure thrill, its sights and sounds and smells, and its wonderful tradition of sportsmanship and fair play.

**FIRST XI**—The First XI were very unfortunate in losing their Captain, Pearkes, who was put out of commission with a broken collar-bone sustained in the Gym towards the end of the Lent Term. Clive Randall was chosen as Captain in his stead, and did a creditable job throughout a difficult season.

The first match of the season was played on May 1st, against the Cowichan Cricket Club. A very close game it was — 50-56 for Cowichan. Shawnigan's batting was woefully weak, Parke II being top scorer with 2. Butt, 2 for 3, and

MacInnes, 2 for 0, took bowling honours for the School, although Loughary, 3 for 23, and Randall, 3 for 22, also did good work.

On May 6th, the 1st XI played the Masters and again failed badly at bat. The score was Masters 45, Boys 11. Captain Palin bowled for the Masters with terrific effect, coming out with the amazing analysis of 7 for 0. The Masters were also greatly aided by Mr. Larsen, who scored 29 quick runs, including one six, before being caught by Loughary off Randall. Loughary, with 6 for 26, bowled well.

On May 8th, Canon Michael Coleman brought a team to play the School, defeating us 91 to 62. Parkes I, 15, and Walters, 10, were the only double-figure scorers for the School. Canon Coleman, 23, and Captain Palin, 25, did the damage for our opponents. MacInnes bowled very well for the School, taking 7 for 24.

On May 15th, the School played Mr. Vaughan's Team, again losing, this time, 84 to 40. Randall's 5 for 24 was the only performance of our team worth mentioning.

May 23rd, saw the Old Boys' Match, which was lost 59 to 28. However, if it had not been for Mr. Larsen who scored 46 for the Old Boys, it might have been a different story. Loughary, with 4 for 20, bowled well.

On June 2nd, at Fairbridge Farm School, Cowichan Cricket Club again defeated us, this time 60 to 49. Randall, with 19 runs, and 6 wickets for 32 runs, did very well, but received little help from his team mates, who failed miserably before the speed bowling of Cowichan's young Don Codville.

The final match of the season was played away on June 12th against University School. Our winless record was kept intact as we came out on the bottom end of a 94 to 40 score. Burr, 17, and Loughary, 5 for 28, however, played well and saved us from an even greater, more humiliating defeat.

Our wicket-keeper, Bill Day, although lacking some of the qualities of a first class wicket keeper, certainly did not lack the quality of courage, and throughout the season, did his job quietly and efficiently.

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Based on results, the season was not a successful one. However, when looked at from the improvement point of view, it looks very satisfactory. Only four matches were played, of which three were lost, and one was drawn. Nevertheless, in spite of this rather dismal effort, there were signs that things could well be vastly different next year.

We started the season off without a wicket keeper. However, Johnson soon showed us that he was our man and he improved steadily with every game. He has great potentialities and could become really excellent. Burr, a good batsman, deserves credit for the way in which he persevered as a bowler until he became very useful as one of the team's bowlers.

The first match against Canon Coleman's team was lost after a most enjoyable game. The School went in first and Butt was bowled first ball; however, MacInnes I joined Chadwick, and they carried the score to 38 before Chadwick was stumped. Burr stayed briefly with MacInnes, but he was the only one who did, and the side declared with 73 runs for 9 wickets. MacInnes ran himself out after making 33 runs. The School bowling was not good enough to dismiss

Canon Coleman's side which easily knocked off the runs for the loss of seven wickets.

The following Saturday we went to Victoria to play the University School. Putting us in first, the University School dismissed us cheaply for 38 runs. They had two good spin bowlers and our bats were too nervous to cope with them, after three quick wickets. We then put them in and, due to two very snappy run outs by Patrick and Green, we dismissed two of their best bats in the first over. Prospects became brighter. However, Calton came in to play a sound innings and, together with Shipley's lusty clouting, they soon passed our meagre total.

The next match was against the Masters XI, on Ascension Day. The School batted first with Chadwick nervously facing the Head's devastating bowling. However, he quickly snicked a single and passed the onus on to Bellm's shoulders. No one seemed capable of staying in for any length of time with the exception of Butt who made 17 runs. The School was out for a total of 74 runs. Mr. Duxbury and Mr. James opened the batting for the Masters and proved to be a veritable Hobbs and Sutcliffe by reaching a (quarter) century partnership before Mr. James was dismissed by a good ball from Burr. With his partner in crime gone, Mr. Duxbury seemed to lose heart and got out trying to leg glide a full toss outside his off stump. Burr was expensive but got the wickets taking 4 for 45 runs. The Masters XI made the score for only four wickets with Mr. C. E. Lonsdale and Mr. Larsen making 23 and 22 not out respectively, in quick time.

Happily the School saved their best effort until the last when we played University School at Shawnigan. We put our visitors in first; this looked like a mistake since Clifford and Colquohoun seemed very comfortable and had made 41 before Colquohoun was run out. Wickets fell quickly until Calton came in and once more proved troublesome. University School declared with 89 for 6 wickets. MacInnes had the best bowling average taking 3 wickets for 20 runs. Butt and Bellm I opened for the School and seemed to be in for a good innings together when Bellm was out l.b.w. with the score at 18. The next four wickets fell quickly and, with the score at 23 for 6, things looked very black. However, we were in for a pleasant surprise — we had a "wagging tail"! Green and Johnson stayed together and put on 26 useful runs to give us a fighting chance. With twenty minutes remaining and 29 runs to make, Cowell and Loughary joined for what proved to be a good last wicket stand. They did not make the runs but they managed to stay in until the time was up and, as a result, the match ended in a draw.

The results were not too good but prospects for the next few years seem excellent. Only two of our present team will not be with us next year and some of the boys, who are staying, show very definite promise.

**PEARKES (Captain).** He is a good batter and a very useful bowler, who certainly could have done wonders this season if he had half a chance.

**JOHNSON.** He proved to be a real find as a wicket keeper and he set a good example by his enthusiasm behind the stumps.

**BURR.** He is a very keen player and worked extremely hard with his bowling.

He can play all the fundamental strokes as a batsman, and will make a great many runs when he can learn to watch the ball.

MacINNES. He is still young but has all the potentiality of being a very good bat next year. He is a useful bowler but he is a little slow in the field.

BUTT. He could be a really excellent bat if he would take the trouble to concentrate.

LOUGHARY. His chief value lay in his bowling which was of a consistently good length. Toward the end of the season he learned to open out his shoulders and make some runs.

PATRICK. He was a very keen boy whose keenness enabled him to improve as a batsman, from an uncouth slugger to a very sound and forceful bat. His fielding was excellent.

GREEN. He was very good in the field. He played many innings with two strokes: a French cricket block and a baseball swipe, both of which often proved effective.

BELLM I. He is a very careful batsman who will be quite good when he learns a few more strokes. His fielding is not good yet.

COWELL. His strong point as a batsman was the way he watched the ball. However, he had not got much idea of the strokes. He was fair in the field.

BIRCH. He was a very disappointing player. He had the ability to make a great many runs but he did not because of his lack of practice.

School Colours for cricket were awarded to: Johnson, Burr, MacInnes, Butt and Loughary.



BACK ROW: B. Loughary, J. Cowell, M. Birch, A. Patrick, B. Bellm, D. Green.

FRONT ROW: D. Johnson, G. Butt, J. Pearkes (Captain), D. MacInnes, J. Burr.

## Colts Cricket

The Colts had a disappointing season, losing all three of their matches, two to Glenlyon and one to University School. With a few outstanding exceptions, the boys' early enthusiasm died down as the season progressed. Lack of keenness in the field was probably one of the main reasons for our three defeats.

Bellm II proved to be a great help to the team because of his batting, his bowling ability and his sportsmanship. Much of the team's sloppiness in fielding was probably attributed to poor wicket-keeping. MacImmess 2, although too young and inexperienced to make the team, showed definite promise as a wicket keeper and may be the salvation of next year's Colts.

Ritchie I and Goodenough were two other enthusiastic cricketers, showing much promise. Clark and Hackett, both newcomers to the game this year, were also very keen and are potentially good players.

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## House Matches

The distribution of cricketing talent amongst the three houses proved to be very even. In the first round we saw Ripley's and Groves' together. Ripley's went in to bat and did not fare at all well, Butt being the only batsman capable of staying in against the bowling of Loughary and Bellm II. Loughary, in particular, was bowling extremely steadily and was not throwing away any runs by way of loose balls. The side was finally dismissed for 65 runs of which Butt contributed 40; a most valuable innings. The Bellm brothers opened the batting for Groves' and were soon back in the pavilion, both being bowled early on. Things began to look rosy for Ripley's, particularly, as neither Johnson nor Patrick looked at all comfortable. However, Butt soon put them both at ease by taking Chadwick off when he was bowling well and leaving himself on when he was bowling rather poorly. Johnson was soon run out, but a now different Patrick was merrily knocking the cover off the ball and was being assisted in this by Loughary, who was surprising everyone with his off drives. These two soon passed Ripley's total and, when the innings was declared closed, Patrick had amassed 37 not out. He was particularly murderous on anything on or outside the leg stump.

The finals between Groves' and Lake's proved to be a most tense and exciting game. Lake's won the toss and Pearkes elected to put his opponents in to bat. Within twenty minutes, the top half of Groves' batting was back in the pavilion, out for 7 runs. Not one of them seemed able to cope with the bowling of Burr who was keeping a good length. Finally Loughary and Parke II got together and managed to put a stop to the rot, having a stand together of 29 runs. They seemed the only two capable of making any runs for the side which was out for a paltry 42 runs. Lake's went in to bat feeling pleased with themselves and fairly complacent about the apparently simple task ahead of them. How wrong they were. Here again it was two batsmen who were responsible for almost all the runs, Pearkes making 16 and MacInnes 9. However, Tuttle proved to be the hero of the day by making the winning 6 runs. Lake's were finally all out for 46 runs. It was very close. Bellm II bowled really well,

taking 6 Lake's House wickets for 17 runs. His performance was matched by Burr who returned the compliments by taking 6 for 23. The tension at the end of the game was high and, perhaps conveyed to some of the baseball addicts that cricket too can have its exciting moments. The fielding by the three teams was good, particularly that of Groves' House, much better in fact than these same boys fielded in the School Matches. However, Lake's House must be congratulated upon retaining the Cricket Cup which they also won last year.

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## *Valete, 1948*

### RIPLEY'S

Anderson, D. C., 1944. 1st XV.  
Brooks, T. H., 1943.  
Coultais, G. R. B., 1946.  
Gilmore, G. A., 1945.  
Thielen, J. A., 1944.

### GROVES'

Billings, J. T., 1946. School Prefect.  
1st XV, 1st XI.  
Estes, D. A., 1946.  
Mainguy, C. D., 1943.

### LAKE'S

Balshaw, G. R., 1944. 1st XV.  
Fox, G. D., 1946.  
Friedman, D. L., 1946.  
Milbrad, S. G., 1944. School Prefect.  
1st XV, 1st XI.  
Randall, C. H., 1944. 1st XI.  
Rochester, A. J., 1946.

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## *The Staff*

It is thought that it might be of interest to Old Boys to see a list of the Staff, as at June, 1949.

HEAD MASTER—C. W. Lonsdale.

ASSISTANT MASTERS—P. T. Skrimshire, C. W. N. C. Twite, C. J. G. Lonsdale, F. Duxbury, C. E. Lonsdale, H. M. McIntosh, I. A. Galliford, K. James, E. R. Larsen (Housemaster of Groves' House), E. L. Bullen (Housemaster of Ripley's House), Miss K. Oates.

P.T. INSTRUCTOR—D. W. Hyde-Lay (Housemaster of Lake's House).

HEAD MATRON—Miss M. B. Fenwick.

ASSISTANT MATRONS—Mrs. D. Ritchie (Lake's House), Miss C. M. L. Herd (Ripley's House), Mrs. J. Smallwood (Groves' House).

SECRETARY—Miss S. Stewart.

BURSAR—Miss M. Gibbons.

HOUSEKEEPER—Mrs. W. E. A. Morres.

## SCHOOL PREFECTS

HEAD OF THE CHOOOL—G. H. S. Parke.

SCHOOL PREFECTS—T. H. Gowman, J. A. Pearkes, P. Eaton, A. A. Parke, D. G. Butt.

## GAMES CAPTAINS

CAPTAIN OF RUGBY—G H. S. Parke.

CAPTAIN OF CRICKET—J. A. Pearkes.

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## *Old Boys' Notes*

Michael C. W. Piddington was awarded the Air Cadet League Scholarship to Canadian Services College, Royal Roads, in September, 1948.

V. R. Butts was called to the B. C. Bar after graduating from Osgoode Hall and is now practising in West Vancouver.

G. F. Dyson was appointed as Secretary of Cowichan School District and is now living in Duncan.

A write-up in Maclean's Magazine entitled "Vancouver's Rising Sun" revealed Don Cromie as one of Canada's promising young newspapermen.

Letter from Ronald Fisher, now in Toronto, and giving the following news about Old Boys:—Harold Macdonald and Enos Toshach reading Law at Toronto University; Ian Freeth and Brian Everest doing Engineering at the same University; Robin Ling, Jack Huntington and Dudley Ward are all up at Oxford, Peter Belither is reading Medicine at London University, Roy Balme is studying Forestry at Edinburgh.

John Ley is serving on board the Aircraft Carrier H.M.S. "Magnificent."

Bill Reed has been appointed Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Alberta.

Tor Torland is touring in Norway.

Jan Oostermeyer, we regret to hear, is still in hospital at Ross, California.

We were pleased to welcome the following Old Boys during the Armistice weekend in November: John Rankin, Kueckelhan, David Smith, John Stokes, Stuart Milbrad, Hugh Fraser, Ken Hansen, Tom Naden, Geoff Balshaw, Clive Randall, Lancy Lake, Doug Macrae, Jack Larsen, Phil Malkin, Peter Duke, Mike Piddington, Alistair Fraser, Junius Rochester. We hope that each one of the above list will come with a friend to the next Old Boys' rugger match.

Last November when we travelled to Vancouver to play St. George's, we were proud to feel the support of the following Old Boys at the game: Derek Johnston, Jack and Pat Larsen, Doug Macrae, Don Corbett, David Smith, David Ames, Ken Hansen, Geoff Balshaw, and Clive Randall.

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## *Notes From an Old Boy*

Commander P. E. Haddon is Executive Officer of H.M.C.S. Stadacona, the R.C.N. barracks in Halifax. Commander M. G. Stirling, promoted to that

rank in January, 1949, was attached to the Naval Member of the Canadian Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, but a late flash indicates his appointment as Assistant Director of Signals Division at N.S.H.Q., Ottawa.

Captain Owen Robertson, G.M., is at Esquimalt. Lieutenant Robin Hayward had command of a minesweeper until December, 1948, and is now Staff Officer at a reserve division, H.M.C.S. Unicorn, Saskatoon. Lieutenant Tony Slater has a similar appointment at H.M.C.S. Discovery, Vancouver, and Lieutenant R. H. Leir is at Edmonton.

Lieutenant-Commander Pat Nixon, D.S.C., is a Squadron Commander (instructor) at R.M.C. Kingston; there was a good photograph of him and his military and air force colleagues in the Toronto Saturday Night some months ago. Lieutenant Craig Campbell is at H.M.C. Damage Control and Firefighting School, Halifax.

Dr. Allan Crisp is a specialist in neuropsychiatry in Toronto, and one angle of his work finds him examining about half of all the air crew trainees in the R.C.A.F. He is married, with three children, and his interests include a fifty-acre ranch, experiments in the planting of edible nut trees and the breeding of boxers (canine, please!). We can assume that Allan leads a busy and full life.

Doug Newton sent us a page of Calgary notes: Art Smith is in stocks and bonds, and campaigns conservatively on the side . . . John Cross is running the A7 Ranch successfully, and plans matrimony this summer . . . John Motherwell is building up his own electrical supply business. Bob O'Callaghan is an executive of Wilkinson & McLean, a well-known oil and mining supply concern. Harold Roenisch is temporarily in the East engaged in veterinary studies.

Wing-Commander R. A. Barton, O.B.E., D.F.C. and Bar, is in the R.A.F. and is expected to spend two months' leave at home in Penticton this summer.

F. D. M. Williams and D. R. Lukin Johnston were admitted as junior partners to the firm of Price, Waterhouse & Co., Chartered Accountants, in July, 1948, and are both in the firm's Vancouver office.

Lieutenant Colonel J. D. Groves, Royal Engineers, is a lecturer at the Staff College, Devizes, Wiltshire, England. His brother, T. D. Groves, is a logging engineer with the Victoria Lumber Company on the Island.

Okanagan news: mostly from Trevor Punnett, who is a civil engineering contractor in Penticton, "fighting," he says, "a continual losing battle with job estimates, office work and cost records." However, as another Old Boy in business remarked dourly — "who isn't?" Royse Bazett is a partner in the firm of Rutherford, Bazett & Co., Chartered Accountants, Kelowna . . . John Leir is with Penticton Sawmills Ltd., and intends to wed shortly . . . Stuart Oldham is manager of the Pioneer Sash & Door Co. in Vernon . . . Gene Homer-Dixon is running a ranch in Vernon . . . and Pete Barclay has a radio agency in Kelowna and is assisted by Lester Collett.

Doug Green sends greetings from Winnipeg where he represents the Canadian Press, but no news, for which he is properly ashamed.

We had a very interesting letter from Mrs. B. L. deC. Jones, mother of Noel Menzies (formerly Jones) one of our earliest Old Boys. He was in the British Army in Palestine both before and during the late war, and is now Assistant Superintendent of Colonial Police in Nigeria.

Tom Piddington writes from Stanford University where he is writing his

thesis for M.A. . . . he has seen John Henniker at the Stanford Research Institute and Chuck Ketcham, who is also studying at Stanford. Tom reports that Roger Stanier is a professor at University of California.

Seattle Notes: Thanks to Tom Naden, who has just finished second year chemical engineering at University of Washington, and has been rowing in the very successful lightweight boat of U. of W. . . . Tim Brooks is at Queen Anne High School . . . Jeff Pruitt and Dick Patterson are at University of Washington . . . Yates Hickey, D.F.C., is in the Engineering Department of Boeing Aircraft Company, and his brother, Mal Hickey, is doing well at Cal. Tech. . . . Tom received a letter from Bill Day who is training at the U.S. submarine base in New London, Connecticut for several months, after which he will go back to college.

Steve Covernton has been made B.C. provincial sales manager for Forest Products Ltd. . . . George Cameron is in the automobile racket—beg pardon, business in Victoria . . . Gordon Best has returned to the West from Toronto, was in Vancouver for a while and is now in business in Edmonton.

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## *Births*

TYRWHITT-DRAKE—At Vancouver, B.C., on March 5th, 1948, to the wife of M. L. Tyrwhitt-Drake, (1935-1939), a daughter.

LARSEN—At Vancouver, B. C., on July 19th, 1948, to the wife of M. P. Larsen (1925-1932), a son.

JOHNSTON—At Vancouver, B. C., on September 9th, 1948, to the wife of D. R. Lukin Johnston, (1926-1928), a daughter.

HOUSER—At Port Alberni, B. C., on February 4th, 1949, to the wife of H. C. K. Housser, (1929-1932), a son.

MACRAE—At Vancouver, B. C., on February 27th, 1949, to the wife of D. K. Macrae, (1927-1930), a daughter.

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## *Marriages*

SPEAR-KNIGHT—On March 27th, 1948, at Santa Barbara, California, Reginald Gordon Spear (1940-1941) to Robin Lysle, daughter of Mrs. Oliver Dudley Knight.

Tomlin-Ashe—On March 27th, 1948, at Victoria, B.C., Howard Stanley Tomlin (1941-1943) to Mary Evelyn, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Ashe.

MITTEN-CHARLES—On March 31st, 1948, at Vancouver, B. C., Robert Andrew Mitten (1939-1942) to Marion Ruby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wm. Charles.

FEE-PEARSON—On May 12th, 1948, at Vancouver, B. C., Thomas Arthur Fee (1934-1934) to Emma Sylvia Pearson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald A. MacDougall.

ROBERTSON-KOSTER—On May 17th, 1948, at Kamloops, B. C., Douglas Ferguson Robertson (1927-1933) to Evelyn Joel, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koster.

**NIXON-BURCH**—On June 3rd, 1948, at Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, Lieut.-Comander Charles Patrick Nixon, R.C.N., (1926-1933) to Helen Harvey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schiff Burch.

**WILSON-HATCHETT**—On June 19th, 1948, at Washington, D.C., Ashton Wilson (1930-1934) to Lela Margaret, daughter of Mr. Samuel Pinkney Hatchett.

**LEIR-HARVEY-HARKINS**—On June 19th, 1948, at Valetta, Malta, Lieutenant Richard Hugh Leir, R.C.N., (1935-1940) to Valerie Constance, daughter of Surgeon-Captain and Mrs. Harvey-Harkins.

**LACON-GEORGE**—On July 8th, 1948, at London, England, Commander Reginald William Beecroft Lacon, D.S.C., R.N., (1923-1926) to Joan, daughter of Mrs. Briscoe George.

**SAVAGE-MACLEOD**—On July 10th, 1948, at Vancouver, B. C., David Bicknell Savage (1929-1933) to Omies Jacqueline, daughter of Mrs. John Murdoch MacLeod.

**BUTTS-GORMAN**—On July 16th, 1948, at Toronto, Ont., Victor Robertson Butts (1936-1939) to Kathleen Patricia, daughter of Mrs. Arthur Gorman.

**SYMINGTON-MUTTER**—On July 17th, 1948, at Duncan, B. C., Frederick James Symington (1930-1931) to Isabella Audrey Carlow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Allan Mutter.

**LIVINGSTONE-ANGELETTI**—On July 24th, 1948, at Los Angeles, Calif., Malcolm H. Livingstone (1937-1939) to Rae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Francis Angeletti.

**DAVIS-DAVIS**—On August 2nd, 1948, at Montreal, P.Q., Frederick Heuston Davis (1929-1938) to Amy Beatrice Daunt, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Davis.

**NEEL-SPEED**—On August 4th, 1948, at Madras, India, Edmund Miles Neel (1925-1930) to Miss Valerie Merle Speed.

**CROFTON-HINES**—On August 12th, 1948, at Vancouver, B. C., Francis David Lowther Crofton (1931-1937) to Marguerite Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hines.

**PEARCE-ROGERS**—On September 3rd, 1948, at Langley Prairie, B. C., William Thomas Seabury Pearce (1931-1940) to Helen Rutherford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clive Rogers.

**OLDHAM-AIVAZOFF**—On September 16th, 1948, at Vancouver, B.C., John Moncrieffe Oldham (1934-1937) to Sonia Misakova, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Misak Y. Aivazoff.

**ROENISCH-HILL**—On December 27th, 1948, at Calgary, Alberta, Harold William Roenisch (1937-1943) to Norma Madge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hill.

**REYNOLDS-CASSELMAN**—On April 23rd, 1949, at Edmonton, Alta., Robert George Reynolds (1934-1938) to Frances Cora, daughter of Mrs. Frederick C. Casselman.

**SHARLAND-THOMSON**—On April 28th, 1949, at Mooi River, Natal, South Africa, Timothy Abbott Sharland (1929-1933) to Sheila, daughter of Mrs. Mairi Thomson.

**CROSS-LEGGAT**—On May 21st, 1949, at Montreal, P.Q., John Munkland Cross (1927-1935), to Eleanor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Leggat.



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